

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 1-7, 9, 12-18, 20, 23-27 and 29-39 has been noted with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. By way of the forgoing amendments to the claims, the rejection has been rendered moot. Since the amendments do not introduce any new issues that would require further search or consideration, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

Unaddressed issues

The dependent claims recite still further features of the invention not found in a combination similar to that claimed. Inasmuch as the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend, the Examiner's comments in respect thereof need not be addressed and this should not be construed to be an acquiescence in the contentions made by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

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